

In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service
Administrative Company Board of Directors

FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

I am pleased to nominate Karen Buller for a Board member position on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This Board position represents low-income consumers.

Ms. Buller, a member of the Comanche Nation, is the founder, President and CEO. Buller is a nationally recognized expert and leader in the area of Native Americans and telecommunications. Ms. Buller has demonstrated her interest in Universal Service by testifying on April 12, 1996 before the FCC on Universal Service (see text of testimony at www.niti.org/policy.htm). Ms. Buller knows and understands the telecommunications interests of Native Americans who are the most underserved group of Americans in terms of Universal Service. She also understands the issues of other underserved minority groups. I am confident that Ms. Buller's expertise and knowledge can only serve to strengthen the Universal Service Administrative Company's Mission.

As the only Native American member of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, I am proud to nominate Karen Buller.

Submitted by:

Commissioner Linda Lovejoy
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission